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9 Lower Grosvenor
Place

My dear Sir

Societies have long been established
in many Continental Cities for the encouragement
of Art, conducted on principles which it
appears to me might be beneficially intro-
duced into this Country. Still I am anxious
before I proceed to announce the plan to
the Public generally to obtain the sanction,
and support of those Noblemen and Gentlemen
known for their patronage of Art. If your
approbation of the Plan, would you so far oblige
me as to submit the project to his Grace
the Duke of Devonshire.

I need not inform you

that I have not and cannot have the
 remotest interest in the success except
 as a Subscriber and I intend to put
 my name down as an annual Subscriber
 for three guineas.

Yours Most Truly
Wentworth Dilke

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J. P. Collier Esq
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That a Society be established to be called the
Each Subscriber paying one guinea, but at liberty
to take as many shares as he may please - the
whole funds to be appropriated to the purchase of
Modern Pictures according to plans hereafter laid
down. Three Hundred Pounds to be given annually
out of the Subscription funds for the best picture
publicly exhibited in London in the months of
to be selected by a Committee chosen by and
from amongst the Subscribers to the Society
One Hundred & fifty pounds to be given for second
best picture. The pictures to be selected from the
works of such Artists only as shall give in their
names as candidates prior to -
The pictures thus purchased shall, at the close
of the several Exhibitions, be the property of the Society
and disposed of by lot or as may be determined among

the Subscribers - every guinea subscription entitling
the Subscriber to one chance -

The further extension of the purchase,
or prices to be given, of course to be subject to
future negotiation.

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